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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Kuo-Chi Tu

Serial No.: 10/618,793

Filed: July 15, 2003

For: **METHOD OF IMPROVING THE TOP
PLATE ELECTRODE STRESS INDUCING
VOID FOR IT-RAM PROCESS**

Group Art Unit: 2827
Examiner: David A. Zarneke

Confirmation No.: 7310

TKHR Docket No. 252016-1310
(Top Team: 0503-A30782US)

**TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTITUTE
RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The accompanying Substitute Response to Election/Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to a notice of noncompliance, mailed July 23, 2004. The enclosed substitute response has been modified to include the text of withdrawn claims 18-25, and is identical to the previously submitted response in all other respects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. McClure".

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 12, 2004 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.